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Sec. 301.43a ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO
INSPECTORS ON THE TREATMENT OF NURSERY
PRODUCTS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, AND SOIL,
FOR THE JAPANESE BEETLE

Experiments recently completed with methyl bromide have shown that all living larvae of the Japanese beetle will be killed in 12-inch pots or soil balls when the treatment, dosage, and temperature required in circular B. E. P. Q. 499 [(1) (5) (i)], issued June 9, 1939, are applied.

The paragraph headed "Preparation of plants" on page 14 of the above circular (mimeographed) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Preparation of plants.--The treatment is to be applied only to plants with bare roots or in 12-inch pots, or smaller, or in soil balls not larger than 12 inches in diameter or thicker than 12 inches when not spherical. The soil should not be puddled or saturated. With wet material, drying for a period of 12 hours is advisable before treatment. The plants should be stacked on racks or separated so that the gas can have access to both top and bottom surfaces of pots or soil balls. While not essential that the balls be completely separated from each other, they should not be jammed tightly together.

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